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Chairman, CSFB Support Committee

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Acting Chief, Plans and Policy Staff, OIR

OIR Comments on WE Country Appendices—Operational Program for FY 1957
(Revised) and FY 1958 (Initial)

1. Paragraph 3 of the covering memorandum to the WE Country Appendices dated 25 October 1955 states: "The Operational Objectives and tasks set forth in the attached appendices are considered as being within the existing or potential capabilities. . . . it is also felt that barring any unforeseen circumstances the current level of support will be adequate in fiscal years 1957 and 1958, subject only to the availability of funds, and that no major changes in the type, level, or character of support will be necessary."

2. Upon review and analysis of the WE Operational Programs for fiscal years 1957 and 1958 and based upon the facts presented therein, subject to the limitations hereafter stated, the Office of Training in general concurs "that no major changes in the type, level, or character of (training) support will be necessary." The operations programs presented follow a pattern of previous programs which the Office of Training was able to support, at least in terms of providing training for staff personnel to qualify them to perform the operations tasks to which they were assigned. Personnel figures for 1957 and 1958 reflect no radical changes which might affect this type of support. It is well to point out here that in the past OIR has not been adequately staffed so that, in many instances, OIR's potential has been stretched to the limit.

3. There are factors which OIR must take into consideration in preparing training support; some of these factors are not reflected in the subject programs:

a. There is no indication of the extent to which these programs will require covert training support. Any increase in requirements will be excessive to current OIR capabilities.

b. There ~~seems to be no change~~ in the support requirements for the [] training programs. This does constitute a continuing requirement. We note however that a Priority A task [] to "maintain a training center capable of training and indoctrinating and facilitating the ultimate recruitment of Western European leaders." OIR's

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capabilities for support of such an enterprise is limited unless support requirements are levied sufficiently far in advance to permit adequate preparation.

c. The Office of Training notes that in almost every country within the purview of WE Division, a Priority A objective is that of increasing the competence of and expanding the liaison with the intelligence, security, and police services. This appears to create a requirements for training in a field not now adequately covered by established courses of instruction, i.e. the conduct of liaison with foreign services.

In addition, the effect of endeavoring to increase the competence of the service would appear to present requirements for either training support overseas or additional requirements for ~~some~~ training in the U.S. or both.

d. Except for [] there is no indication that any preparation for the establishment of a wartime training facility is being made. Yet in the Clandestine Services General Cold War Plan for 1957 and 1958 an item included for consideration was that of the establishment of a training facility for hot war in ten of the thirteen Western European countries for which country appendices were written.

4. In summary it appears that training support requirements may be somewhat greater than appear in the WE Country Appendices; hence OTR's capabilities to support the WE plan can only be speculative in character. Clarification of the points mentioned above is necessary, and OTR will undertake to meet with appropriate WE Division personnel to obtain that clarification. The OTR capability to support the WE program is limited to the extent that the sum total of OTR support requirements for all DD/P operational programs does not exceed OTR capabilities and to the extent OTR is given a lead time in which to develop the necessary facilities.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF TRAINING:

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